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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Patrick R. LANCASTER III et al.) Group Art Unit: 3721
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Application No.: 10/767,863) Examiner: S. Tawfik
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
SECURING A LOAD TO A)
PALLET WITH A ROPED FILM)
WEB)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated February 1, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-48, 89-93, 97, 98, and 101-119 and Group II, claims 50-88, 94-96, 99, and 100. Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group II, claims 50-88, 94-96, 99, and 100.

The Office Action further required, should Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, that Applicants further elect one of the following groups:

1. Claims 50-52 and 54-57;
2. Claims 59-63;
3. Claims 64-72, 58, 88, and 94;
4. Claims 73-78, 86, 87, 96, 99, and 100;
5. Claims 79-85 and 53; and